1. A pharmaceutical composition exhibiting thrombopoietin agonism which contains as an active ingredient a compound of the formula (I):

**CLAIMS** 

$$X^1-Y^1-Z^1$$

$$A^1$$

$$(I)$$

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a sulfur atom;

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wherein X<sup>1</sup> is optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted heteroarylalkyl, or optionally substituted non-aromatic heterocyclic group;

Y¹ is -NRACO-(CH2)0-2-, -NRACO-(CH2)0-2-W-, -NRACO-CH=CH-, -W-(CH2)1-5-NRACO-(CH2)0-2-, -W-(CH2)1-5-CONRA-(CH2)0-2-, -CONRA-(CH2)0-2-, -(CH2)0-5-NRA-SO2-(CH2)0-5-, -(CH2)0-5-SO2-NRA-(CH2)0-5-, -NRA-(CH2)0-2-, -NRA-CO-NRA-, -NRA-CS-NRA-, -N=C(-SRA) NRA-, -NRACSNRACO-, -N=C(-SRA)-NRACO-, -NRA-(CH2)1-2-NRA-CO-, -NRACONRANRFCO-, or -N=C(-NRARA)-NRA-CO-, wherein RA is each independently a hydrogen atom, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, or optionally substituted heteroarylalkyl, RF is a hydrogen atom or optionally substituted aryl, W is an oxygen atom or

Z<sup>1</sup> is optionally substituted arylene, optionally substituted heteroarylene, optionally substituted non-aromatic heterocycle-diyl, or optionally substituted cycloalkyl-diyl;

A<sup>1</sup> is a ring represented by the formula:

$$R^1$$
 $Q$ 
 $R^3$ 
 $R^4$ 
 $R^3$ 
 $R^4$ 
 $R^3$ 
 $R^4$ 
 $R^3$ 
 $R^4$ 
 $R^5$ 
 $R^5$ 
 $R^5$ 

wherein  $R^{1}$  and  $R^{2}$  are both hydrogen atoms or taken together may form an

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oxygen atom or a sulfur atom; R3 and R4 are both hydrogen atoms or taken together may form an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom; R5 is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl; Q and V are each independently -O-, -S-, -NRB- (wherein  $R^{\text{B}}$  is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl), or {CH2-; m is 1, 2, or 3;

- a broken line (---) represents the presence or absence of a bond, 5 its prodrug, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate thereof.
  - A pharmaceutical composition exhibiting thrombopoietin agonism 2. which contains a compound of claim 1, wherein X1 is optionally substituted 5-member heteroaryl or a group represented by the formula:

is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-,/ -O- $\varphi$ H<sub>2</sub>-, or -S<sub>7</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-; R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are each E wherein independently a hydrogen atom, optionally substituted lower alkyl, carboxy, lower alkyloxycarbonyl, optionally substituted aminocarbonyl, optionally substituted thienyl, or optionally substituted phenyl.

A pharmaceutical composition exhibiting thrombopoietin agonism which contains a compound of claim 1, wherein X1 is a group represented by the formula:

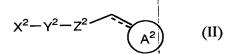
is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-, or -S-CH<sub>2</sub>-;  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are each wherein E independently a hydrogen atom, optionally substituted lower alkyl, carboxy, lower alkyloxycarbonyl, optionally substituted aminocarbonyl, optionally substituted thienyl, or optionally substituted phenyl; R8 is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl.

- A pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein Y1 4. is -NHCO-, -CONH-, -NHCH2-, or /NHSO2-.
- A pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein Z1 5. is 1,4-phenylene.
- A pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein A1 6. 5 is a ring represented by the formula:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & O \\
 & N - R^8 \\
 & T & or
\end{array}$$

wherein R8 is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl; M is -S-, -O-, -N(Rc)-, or -CH2-(wherein Rc is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl); T is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom.

- A pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the 7. broken line represents the presence of a bond.
- A pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 1 to 7, which is for 8. treating or preventing hemopathy.
- A pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 1 to 7, which is a 9. platelet production modifier.
- Use of a compound of any lone of claims 1 to 7 for preparation of a 10. pharmaceutical composition for treating hemopathy.
- A method for treating hemopathy of a mammal, including a human, 11. which comprises administration to said mammal of a compound of any one of 20 claims 1 to 7 in a pharmaceutically effective amount.
  - A compound represented by the formula (II) 12.



wherein X2 is optionally substituted 5-member heteroaryl or a group

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represented by the formula:

wherein E is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>, or -S-CH<sub>2</sub>-; R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are each independently a hydrogen atom, optionally substituted lower alkyl, carboxy, lower alkyloxycarbonyl, optionally substituted aminocarbonyl, optionally substituted thienyl, or optionally substituted phenyl;

wherein R<sup>G</sup> is each independently a hydrogen atom or optionally substituted lower alkyl, R<sup>F</sup> is a hydrogen atom or optionally substituted aryl, W is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;

Z<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted phenylene, optionally substituted 2,5-pyridinediyl, optionally substituted 2,5-thiophene-diyl, or optionally substituted 2,5furan-diyl;

A2 is a ring represented by the formula:

$$R^1$$
 $Q$ 
 $R^2$ 
 $Q$ 
 $R^3$ 
 $R^4$ 
 $R^2$ 
 $R^3$ 
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 $R^$ 

wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are both hydrogen atoms or taken together may form an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are both hydrogen atoms or taken together may form an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;  $R^5$  is a hydrogen atom or

lower alkyl; Q and V are each independently -O-, -S-, -NR<sup>B</sup>- (wherein R<sup>B</sup> is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl), or -CH<sub>2</sub>-; m is 1, 2, or 3; a broken line (---) represents the presence or absence of a bond, provided that X<sup>2</sup> is not oxazole,

- 5 its prodrug, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate thereof.
  - 13. A compound of claim 12, wherein X<sup>2</sup> is a group represented by the formula:

wherein E is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-, or -S-CH<sub>2</sub>-; R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are each independently a hydrogen atom, optionally substituted lower alkyl, carboxy, lower alkyloxycarbonyl, optionally substituted aminocarbonyl, optionally substituted thienyl, or optionally substituted phenyl; R<sup>8</sup> is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl,

its prodrug, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate thereof.

14. A compound of claim 1 wherein X<sup>2</sup> is a group represented by the formula:

$$R^{10}$$
 $R^{10}$ 
 $R^{11}$ 
 $R^{10}$ 
 $R^{11}$ 
 $R^{10}$ 
 $R^{11}$ 
 $R^{10}$ 
 $R^{11}$ 
 $R^{10}$ 
 $R$ 

wherein E is as defined in claim 12;

R9 is a hydrogen atom, optionally substituted lower alkyl, carboxy, lower

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alkyloxycarbonyl, or optionally substituted aminocarbonyl;

R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> are each independently a hydrogen atom, halogen, carboxy, lower alkyloxycarbonyl, optionally substituted amino, or optionally substituted amino,

- 5 its prodrug, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate thereof.
  - 15. A compound of any one of claims 12 to 14, wherein Y<sup>2</sup> is -NHCO-, -CONH-, -NHCH<sub>2</sub>-, or -NHSO<sub>2</sub>-,

its prodrug, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate thereof.

- 16. A compound of any one of claims 12 to 15, wherein Z<sup>2</sup> is 1,4-phenylene, its prodrug, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate thereof.
- 17. A compound of any one of claims 12 to 16, wherein A<sup>2</sup> is a ring represented by the formula:

$$N-R^8$$
 $N-R^8$ 
 $N-R^8$ 

wherein  $R^8$  is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl; M is -S-, -O-, -N( $R^c$ )-, or -CH<sub>2</sub>-(wherein  $R^c$  is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl); T is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

its prodrug, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate thereof.

- 18. A compound of any one of claims 12 to 17, wherein the broken line represents the presence of a bond,
- 20 its prodrug, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate thereof.
  - 19. A compound represented by the formula III-A:

wherein,  $R^9$  is a hydrogen atom, optionally substituted lower alkyl, carboxy,

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lower alkyloxycarbonyl, or optionally substituted aminocarbonyl;

R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> are each independently a hydrogen atom, halogen, carboxy, lower alkyloxycarbonyl, optionally substituted aminocarbonyl, nitro, or optionally substituted amino;

5 Y<sup>3</sup> is -NHCO- or -CONH-;

A<sup>3</sup> is a ring represented by the formula:

wherein  $R^s$  is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl; M is -S-, -O-, -N( $R^c$ )-, or -CH<sub>2</sub>-(wherein  $R^c$  is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl); T is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

its prodrug, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate thereof.

20. A compound represented by the formula III-B:

$$R^{10}$$

$$R^{11}$$

$$S$$

$$V^{3}$$

$$A^{3}$$

$$(III-B)$$

wherein R9, R10, R11, Y3, and A3 ring are as defined in claim 19,

- its prodrug, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate thereof.
  - 21. A pharmaceutical composition containing a compound of any one of claims 12 to 20 as an active ingredient.
  - 22. A pharmaceutical composition which contains as an active ingredient a compound of any one of claims 12 to 20 for exhibiting thrombopoietin agonism.
  - 23. An agent for treating or preventing hemopathy which contains as the active ingredient a compound of any one of claims 12 to 20.
  - 24. A pharmaceutical composition containing as the active ingredient a

compound of any one of claims 12 to 20, which is a platelet production modifier.

- 25. Use of a compound of any one of claims 12 to 20 for preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for treating hemopathy.
- 5 26. A method for treating hemopathy of a mammal, including a human, which comprises administration to said mammal of a compound of any one of claims 12 to 20 in a pharmaceutically effective amount.